

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 777**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bass**

February 26, 2009

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An act to add Section 3001.5 to the Penal Code, relating to inmates.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 777, as introduced, Bass. Inmates: identification cards.

Existing law provides that after inmates are released from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, they are placed on parole, as specified.

This bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to establish a pilot program at Folsom State Prison and at California State Prison, Los Angeles County for the purpose of providing each inmate at those facilities, prior to his or her release, a valid California identification card, as defined, issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

This bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, in collaboration with the DMV, to allow the DMV to make biannual visits to the department's facilities to provide state-issued identification cards to inmates upon their release and to inmates who are eligible to be released or released on parole within 6 months.

This bill would specify the department's duties in providing and obtaining the information necessary for eligible inmates to obtain identification cards.

This bill would make its provisions operative on January 1, 2011.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 3001.5 is added to the Penal Code, to  
2 read:

3     3001.5. (a) The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
4 shall establish a pilot program at Folsom State Prison and at  
5 California State Prison, Los Angeles County for the purpose of  
6 providing each inmate at those facilities, prior to his or her release,  
7 with a valid California identification card issued by the Department  
8 of Motor Vehicles.

9     (b) The department, in collaboration with the Department of  
10 Motor Vehicles (DMV), shall allow the DMV to make biannual  
11 visits to the department's facilities at the prisons specified in  
12 subdivision (a) for the purpose of providing state-issued  
13 identification cards to inmates upon their release and to inmates  
14 who are eligible to be released or released on parole within six  
15 months.

16     (c) The department shall verify inmate eligibility for the  
17 identification card by obtaining the inmate's birth date and legal  
18 presence information through the inmate's file.

19     (d) Identification cards shall be issued pursuant to subdivision  
20 (a) of Section 13005 of the Vehicle Code.

21     (e) All identification cards will be subject to Section 13004 of  
22 the Vehicle Code.

23     (f) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2011.